

Building momentum

Every day, something shifts us closer.

Some days it's big and visible, like another CIPC document approved and filed! Other days, it's far more subtle: a glimpse of a child with nowhere safe to go. And the quiet conviction that we can do something about it.

If you missed our first newsletter, [click here](#) for the introduction to this project.



Eden House

Knysna's urgent need for a children's home

Right now, in our own community, children are staying in **hospital beds**—not because they are sick, but because there is nowhere else for them to go.

This is not just a social issue; it directly affects children's long-term outcomes. And it's not only older children.

Thando House is a nurturing home where vulnerable babies are cared for—but only until the age of two, in line with its care model. Right now, they are facing a heartbreaking reality: there are no safe alternative placements available for children reaching this age.

"Our deepest concern," says Director Sonett Mather, "is that, without a suitable placement, they may be returned to the environments where they previously experienced abandonment or abuse."

Eden House exists for children exactly like these. Children who don't just need shelter, but safety, consistency, and a place to belong.

"Children are sometimes kept in hospital for months — not because they still need medical care, but because there is nowhere safe for them to go. In some cases, up to six months. That means a hospital bed becomes a holding place, not for treatment, but due to the lack of a home."

Dr Andries Brink, Medical Manager for the Knysna / Bitou district



News of the month



The months of April and May saw our first **donations from the Knysna community**, as well as our very first regular monthly contribution! Why is this such great news, you may wonder? Because it shows that others in our community believe in this as much as we do — not just for today or tomorrow, but for the long term — and are willing to put their weight behind it. It's inspiring. Thank you.

Although the capital cost is a priority, we celebrate regular, smaller contributions from the community - that is what makes it sustainable.

Property developments

Behind the scenes, real progress is being made. Our volunteer architect, Eben Marais, is reworking the **property plans** to create a space that is not only functional, but truly suited to the needs of vulnerable children—safe, thoughtful, and cost-effective.



Our Property Capital Fund

The R2m mark has been crossed! The capital fund to secure and prepare the property in Concordia now stands at **R2 036 000**.

Owning this property is the key that unlocks everything else—it allows us to begin formal registration as a CYCC and move towards opening our doors. Each contribution brings that moment closer.

What it will take to secure and prepare the home:

Full purchase price
R2.9m

(to see the property,
[click here](#))

Transfer, CYCC fees,
fencing & security,
reconfiguration &
maintenance

±R1.9m

Total capital cost

±R4.8m

Raised **R2 036 000**

Goal R±4 800 000

An ideal location

Eden House has identified a highly suitable property in Concordia, Knysna — a green, spacious environment where children can play, develop, and live. The property is close to schools and community facilities, offering the setting needed for a stable and nurturing home.



3576 m² Space

A large, beautiful green plot offering excellent room to play, develop, and live.

Credit: Pam Golding



Credit: Rawson Property Group



Large Outdoor Areas

Generous outdoor space for play, healing, and connection - with views of the ocean and mountains.



Two Houses + Flatlet

Two easily convertible homes - one for boys, one for girls - plus a flatlet for staff.



Garages for Skills Programmes

Future extramural and skills development programmes built right into the property.



Section 18A



PBO / Section 18A application in progress! For those wanting to give in a tax-efficient way, we've crossed the t's, dotted the i's, and now awaiting the SARS machine to churn out feedback, which we hope to receive within the next few weeks. This will make it easier for many to contribute.

Wish list

Our wish list will continually evolve as we move through the different phases. If your particular gift or resource is not listed yet, you can still play a meaningful role by sharing this story or connecting us with others who may want to be part of building Eden House.

- Offer your expertise in fundraising and PR –we would deeply value your involvement
- Assist with construction work or materials as soon as we move into the reconfiguration phase
- Contribute towards the capital fund to help us secure and prepare the property
- Send us an email and/or like our new [FB page](#) - it encourages and motivates us at times when Everest seems daunting.



Banking details

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Account Type: Current
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Branch Code: 450105
SWIFT Code: CABLZAJJ

For your **protection:**

Please note that our bank details, as listed on our website, will never change, and all communication will come from info@edenhouse.org.za.

We love hearing from you—send us an email on info@edenhouse.org.za. We will keep you informed as we move forward.

As a community, we have an opportunity to create something deeply needed—together.

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